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TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works

Trees contribute greatly to the image of our communities here in Washington in attracting visitors and can substantially enhance property values. At the same time, it is important to understand that trees perform an ecological function that reduces energy expenses and improves air quality, making trees uniquely valuable utility in our communities. But, trees cannot perform this important function for the urban ecosystem if they do not reach mature size, perhaps 20 years after the initial investment. Proper care and maintenance will help ensure success.

THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL HAS POSITIONS OPEN

In 1991, DNR established an advisory group for defining and refining its community outreach efforts. The Executive Advisory Council, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Lands, holds quarterly public meetings designed to provide an opportunity for local government officials, residents, and business interests to contribute to the statewide educational effort. Its goal is to provide leadership and vision to help citizens preserve, plant and maintain community trees and forests.

Washington Community Forestry Advisory Council is soliciting letters of interest for positions open on the Executive Advisory Council. There are four positions in the following areas: Landscape Architect/Planner, Non-Profit/Volunteer, Utilities, and WSU Cooperative Extension. These are three-year terms beginning January, 1998. If you would like more information, please contact Liz Ellis at (206)684-5008. Please send letters of interest to Liz Ellis, 600 4th Avenue, Room 410, Seattle, WA 98104-1879.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY MONTH

Now is the time to start planning activities for October's Urban and Community Forestry Month. The focus of October's message will not only be planting trees, but to focus the public's attention on the urban and community forest and its positive impact on urban and community life. The idea is to promote citizen education and involvement in community forestry projects.

To kickoff this exciting month, there will be the Trees Across Washington Relay. Muscle-powered relayers transport a live tree "baton" across Washington State to promote local community forestry activities and raise awareness about the importance of trees in our urban landscapes. The relay will cover 800 miles across Washington, from the San Juan Islands to Spokane. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Mark Steelquist at (206)624-7075.

KEN CUSHING'S NEW NUMBERS

Ken Cushing is Washington's USDA Forest Service Urban Forestry representative. Ken's new phone number is (503)808-2352, new fax number is (503)808-2339 and his new E-mail address is kacushin/r6pnw@fs.fed.us

OLYMPIA RESIDENT RECEIVES 1997 NATIONAL ARBOR DAY AWARD

Nalini M. Nakarni of Olympia, WA, recipient of the J. Sterling Morton Award, the Foundation's highest honor. Dr. Nadkarni, a member of the faculty at the Evergreen State College, is one of the foremost authorities on the forest canopy, cofounder of the International Canopy Network, and is considered the mother of canopy science. Half of the world's insect and animal species live in the leafy canopy of trees, as well as hundreds of plant species that pull nutrients from the air rather than the ground.

NATIONAL TREE TRUST - 1998 PARTNERSHIP ENHANCEMENT MONETARY GRANT

The National Tree Trust has just announced its Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program (PEP) which is available to any qualifying 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization. The purpose of the grant is to promote public awareness and a spirit of volunteerism in support of tree planting, maintenance, management, protection and cultivation projects in rural areas, communities and urban areas throughout the United States. For more information, grant applications can be requested through the TreeLink Hotlink at (800) 523-TREE (8733) or calling the National Tree Trust at (800) 846-TREE (8733) ext. 14. For specific questions about this grant, please call the National Tree Trust.



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands
Kaleen Cottingham - Supervisor

In the works (continued)

"No shade tree? Blame not the sun, but yourself."

-Ancient Chinese Proverb

TRIVIA: How many dollars of benefits to property values and to the environment does a tree produce for every dollar spent to buy, plant, and maintain it over its life time?

(answers upside down below)

Picks and Shovels



Urban Street Tree Planting Symposium (Boston, MA); report brings together essential principles and guidelines that can assist in the design process, and highlight areas of coordination that are necessary for successful street tree planting and maintenance in urban areas. Please call the TreeLink Hotline at (800) 523-TREE (8733) for a copy.

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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URBAN FORESTRY LIST SERVERS

If you have e-mail you also have access to two subject-specific list servers to receive urban forestry information. One is the URban Natural Resources NETwork or URBNET. The other listserver is maintained by the Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute of the California Polytechnic State University, at San Luis Obispo, California. Information can be shared on tree ordinances, urban tree care and problems, management, policy, and a host of other issues.

To subscribe to the URBNET listserv, send an email message to Bill Hubbard (hubbard@smokey.forestry.uga.edu) or Ed Macie (edmacie@atl.mindspring.com). To subscribe to the Urban Forestry Discussion List, send an e-mail to urbanforestry@urbanfor.cagr.calpoly.edu with the following as the subject line: subscribe urbanforestry. CalPoly also has a web page at <http://urbanfor.cagr.calpoly.edu/>

URBAN FORESTRY/RESTORATION GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR KING COUNTY

Community groups, volunteer organizations and government agencies are invited to apply for Urban Reforestation and Habitat Restoration (URHR) grant funds to restore wildlife habitat and do reforestation projects in the urban growth area of King County. Typical awards are between \$2,000 and \$8,000. Grant awards are funded by interest from an endowment fund established by Councilman Larry Phillips. Proposed projects should: focus on upland areas and terrestrial habitat, permit public access, provide at least a 50% match of funds or in-kind contributions, have educational benefits, include plans for ongoing maintenance, employ partnerships and meet community priorities. Funds may not be used for acquisitions or in-stream restoration projects. Projects proposed within cities should document city support; preference will be given to projects using native plants and benefiting native wildlife. Successful applicants will have three years to complete their project. The deadline is July 15. For more information, contact Kate Stenberg at (206)296-7266.

July

Tree Steward Summer Training Class, July 12, 19, 26, El Centro De La Raza, 2524 Sixteenth Ave. S., Seattle. Learn the basics about trees, planting and care. Class size limited to 25, registration is \$25 and includes field guide and t-shirt. Application and advanced sign up required. Contact Liz Ellis at (206)684-5008.

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Workshop: How to Teach Youth About Trees and Environmental Stewardship, Nebraska City, Contact National Arbor Day Foundation at (402)474-5655.

August
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ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Sunriver OR. Contact PNW ISA at (206)784-1945.

September

Tree Steward Summer Training Class, September 6, 13, 20, site TBA. Learn the basics about trees, planting and care. Class size limited to 25, registration is \$25 and includes field guide and t-shirt. Application and advanced sign up required. Contact Liz Ellis at (206)684-5008.

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8th National Urban Forest Conference, Atlanta, GA. "Cities by Nature's Design" organized by American Forests. Contact American Forests at (202)667-3300.